THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Detailed survey/ investigations to establish the techno-economic feasibility of power generation by harnessing tidal wave energy at the Khambat Sea Coast of Gujarat have not been undertaken.

**Conversion of metre gauge line in Gujarat**

5418. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted proposals for the conversion of several metre gauge lines into broad gauge; and

(b) the number of proposals out of them accepted for inclusion in Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN ): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The proposals for inclusion in 8th Plan are not yet finalised.

[*Translation*]

**Rail Factory in Samastipur**

5419. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the repair work of coaches and wagons of metre gauge line in rail coach factory Samastipur has been shifted to Gorakhpur factory and also plan to shift the rest of the factory some other place; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The Periodic Overhaul (POH) repair work of Metre Gauge coaches was shifted to Gorakhpur workshop in 1983 and in lieu, POH work of wagon repair was transferred from Gorakhpur to Samastipur. The work of wagon POH is progressively decreasing on account of depleting Metre Gauge wagon fleet. The capacity in this workshop is also being utilised for manufacture of new Metre Gauge wagons. There is no proposal to shift this workshop to some other place.

**Rail Factory at Jamalpur**

5420. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops functioning under Jamalpur factory and out of them the number of workshops closed down;

(b) whether manufacturing of steam engine is proposed to be stopped there by 1992;

(c) if so, where workers of the said factory are proposed to be absorbed;

(d) whether the Government propose to start manufacturing of wagons and coaches there; if so, the details thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of sub-shops in the workshop at Jamal-pur is thirty four and of these, none has been closed.

(b) No steam engine is manufactured at Jamalpur workshop.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). At present there is no proposal for want of facilities there.